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FOR SHOESMITH AND SCHMITZ FROM SNEIDER

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SUBJECT: MASTER FACILITIES STUDY - JAPAN

1. DEPT IS NOW REVIEWING RECOMMENDATIONS OF DOD
MASTER FACILITIES STUDY - JAPAN PRIOR TO PRESENTATION
TO GOJ AND POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION AT SSC
MEETING. STUDY HAS RECEIVED SECDEF APPROVAL SUBJECT
TO FINAL COORDINATION WITH DEPT AND EMBASSY.

2. MASTER FACILITIES STUDY PROPOSES A TIME- PHASED
REDUCTION OF JAPAN- OKINAWA BASES TO A MINIMUM
" CORE STRUCTURE" CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO SUPPORT
ON- GOING ACTIVITIES AND FOR INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION
OF CONTINGENCY PLANS. CORE STRUCTURE INCLUDES AIR,
NAVAL, COMMAND/ COMMUNICATIONS AND STORAGE FACILITIES
AS WELL AS MINIMUM KEY LOGISTICS CENTERS AND OTHER
MINIMUM ESSENTIAL FACILITIES NOT INCLUDED ABOVE.
STUDY MAINTAINS THAT ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS, BEYOND
THOSE CONTEMPLATED, WOULD REQUIRE NEGOTIATION OF
REENTRY RIGHTS WITH GOJ OR WOULD SERIOUSLY DEGRADE
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US CAPABILITIES IN SUPPORT OF MST.

3. EMBASSY COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED AS SOON AS YOU HAVE COMPLETED PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF MASTER PLAN. SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN PROPOSALS INVOLVING SUCH AREAS AS LOGISTIC FACILITIES, INCLUDING SAGAMI DEPOT, MSA AND NAHA PORT; MARINE COMPLEX OKINAWA; CAMP MERCY, YOMITAN AIR FIELD, AWASE GOLF COURSE.

4. MY OWN FIRST IMPRESSION IS THAT FACILITY STUDY DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH IN PLANS FOR CONSOLIDATION OF FACILITIES IN OKINAWA, WHICH WOULD BOTH MAKE OUR BASE OPERATIONS MORE EFFICIENT AND EASE PRESSURES AGAINST THEM. ROGERS

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